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5 **Amendments to the Specification:**

 Please replace the paragraphs from page 4 line 2 to page 5 line 2 with the following amended paragraphs:

 The housing 10 comprises a mounting body 11, a grip 12 extended
10 from the mounting body 11, a first fitting hole 13 and a second fitting hole 15
 formed in the mounting body 11, a receiving 14 connected between the first
 fitting hole 13 and the second fitting hole 15, the receiving 14 is larger than
 the first fitting hole 13 but smaller than the second fitting hole 15 in diameter,
 a locating groove 141 and an air groove 142 respectively extended around the
15 receiving hole 14, a first locating portion 16 (according to this embodiment,
 the first locating portion 16 is a thread hole) disposed at the rear side of the
 first fitting hole 13 remote from the receiving hole 14, a second locating
 portion 17 and a mounting portion 18 (according to this embodiment, the
 second locating portion 17 and the mounting portion 18 are thread holes)
20 respectively disposed at the front open side of the second fitting hole 15
 remote from the receiving hole 14, and an air passage 19 extended from the
 air groove 142 to the bottom side of the grip 12. Further, a seal ring 41 is
 mounted in the locating groove 141.

The shock-absorbing socket 20 comprises a socket body 21 axially movably inserted into the receiving hole 14 of the housing 10 and peripherally closely disposed in contact with the inner diameter of the seal ring 41, an air chamber 22 defined inside the socket body 21, a thread hole 23 formed in the periphery of the socket body 21 in air communication with the air chamber 22 for enabling the socket body 21 to be affixed to the impact unit 8 of the pneumatic tool, a plurality of air holes 24 formed in the socket body 21 in air communication between the air chamber 22 and the air groove 142 of housing 10, an externally threaded first coupling portion 27 spaced from one side, namely, the rear side of the socket body 21 for threading into the first locating portion 16 of the housing 10, an externally threaded second coupling portion 28 spaced from the other side, namely, the front side of the socket body 21, a first spring coil 25 connected between the first externally threaded first coupling portion 27 and the socket body 21 and is confined in the first fitting hole 13 of the mounting body 11, and a second spring coil 26 connected between the externally threaded second coupling portion 28 and the socket body 21 and is confined in the second fitting hole 15 of the mounting body 11.